

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 20 JANUARY 1998
TAG REVIEW DATE: 29 JULY 1998**

1. **SITE NAME:** Carlsbad Precision Bombing Range #26

SITE NUMBER: KO6NM037100

LOCATION:

City: Carlsbad
County: Lea
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: KO6NM037101

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 5

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Carlsbad Precision Bombing Range #26 occupied 640 acres in Lea County, approximately 33 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The site is gently rolling desert land that is currently used for cattle grazing. There are no inhabited structures within 2 miles of the site. The site is owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

4. **SITE HISTORY:** The site was acquired from the Department of Interior (DOI) by Public Land Order (PLO) 55 in September 1943. The bombing range was used to train pilots and bombardiers from Carlsbad Army Airfield. The full extent of the site improvements is uncertain. Aiming circles, a mock refinery, a mock fuel storage tank and an access road were visible on air photos. Evidence on the site indicates that M38A2 practice bombs, M85 practice bombs, and M47 chemical bombs were used. Historical documents indicate the M47 bombs were filled with water. There is practice bomb debris widely scattered outside the aiming circles. The area inside the aiming circles is approximately 70 acres. No unexploded spotting charges were found and there is no evidence of HE bombs. The site was declared surplus in November 1945. In February 1948, PLO 55 was revoked by PLO 450 and the site was returned to the DOI.

5. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Entire Site:	Size, Acres:	640
	Former Use:	Bombing Target
	Present Use:	Cattle grazing
	Future Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	M38-Series, 100 lb. Practice Bombs

6. **CURRENT STATUS:**

The Archives Search Report for Carlsbad Precision Bombing Range #26 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in January 1998.

7. **STRATEGY:** Entire Site: EE/CA

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and discussed this ASR and determined an EE/CA on this FUDS as there was confirmed debris from M38-series, M85 and M47 Practice Bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of the site. The main focus of any removal action should focus around the area of the target circles and other targets which were constructed.

b. Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of CWM or HE ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.

c. There are known Federal-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the

presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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